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AMBASSADOR

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1. AHTI M. SALONEN, NOMINATED BY CONSTITUTIONALIST PARTY TO
RUN AGAINST KEKKONEN IN 1978 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, SAID IN
BOOK PUBLISHED SOME TIME AGO THAT AS SECRETARY TO PRIME
MINISTER K.A. FAGERHOLM AT TIME OF SOVIET-IMPOSED "NIGHT
FROST" CRISIS OF 1958, HE WAS CONTACT MAN BETWEEN FAGERHOLM
AND THEN AMBASSADOR HICKERSON.

2. PRESIDENT KEKKONEN IN ONE OF HIS LETTERS PUBLISHED LAST
YEAR IN THE TWO-VOLUME SERIES "KIRJETA MYLLYSTANI," WAS
CRITICAL OF US AMBASSADOR GUFLER FOR SHOWING CONCERN DURING
1961 "NOTE CRISIS" AT SOVIET PRESSURE ON FINLAND. GIVEN KEKKONEN'S
SENSITIVITY ABOUT POSSIBLE US ATTEMPTS INFLUENCE FINNISH-
SOVIET RELATIONS WHEN THESE ARE UNDER TENSION, EMBASSY
REQUESTS THAT P/HO CHECK "NOTE CRISIS" ERA RECORDS TO
ASCERTAIN IF THESE SHOW SALONEN DID IN FACT PLAY SIGNIFICANT
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LIAISON ROLE THEN. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW IF SALONEN'S
CLAIM OF DEALINGS WITH US AMBASSADOR WILL BECOME FACTOR
IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN, BUT KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS WILL BE
USEFUL IF 1958 EVENTS DO BECOME ISSUE.
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